

Danny Leon, John Lister, Sean McIntyre, Evan Ocello and Cody Thomson; and their families, for winning the U.S. championship with drive, talent and true sportsmanship.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
HARRY WIGGINS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of Representatives of the passing of my friend, The Honorable Harry Wiggins of Kansas City, Missouri. He was 71.

Harry, a son of Dr. John and Helen Murphy Wiggins, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 1, 1932. He spent the entirety of his life in Kansas City, attending grade and high schools and then Rockhurst College. Harry achieved many honors while at Rockhurst. He was elected the president of the student body. He joined Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity and was president of his chapter and then national president three times. When he was a senior he was chosen to be a member and served as president of the university chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit honor society. He also was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. After he graduated from Rockhurst College with an AB, he was awarded a three year scholarship to attend law school at St. Louis University.

From 1957 to 1959, Harry served in the United States Army as a legal advisor to the 2nd United States Army Missile Command at Fort Hood, Texas. Upon his discharge, he received a Certificate of Achievement for Distinguished Service.

After his discharge, he came back home to Kansas City and began to practice law. Soon he became a part of John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign, serving as Kansas City's chairman for the campaign. It was during this time that he met and became good friends with Robert F. Kennedy. Once John F. Kennedy became president, Robert Kennedy became United States Attorney General and then appointed Harry as the assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri. He held this position for over five years and during his tenure he handled cases involving federal grand jury probes into organized crime. During his tenure, he also prosecuted a group of liquor and prostitution cases. Then Governor Warren Hearnes appointed Harry as state supervisor of liquor control. After serving as state supervisor of liquor control from 1967 to 1970, he returned to Kansas City to run for western judge of Jackson County and won.

In 1973, Governor Kit Bond asked Harry to serve in his administration as general counsel for the Public Service Commission. After holding this post for a year, he came back to Kansas City in 1974 to run for the 10th District seat in the Missouri Senate against a two-term Republican incumbent. Harry won by 6,000 votes and would be elected six more times. After serving 28 years in the Missouri Senate, Harry retired in 2002. During his time in the Missouri Senate, he was Kansas City's first majority floor leader from 1980 to 1984. He never missed a roll call vote during his ten-

ure—logging a total of more than 17,000 consecutive roll call votes.

Harry's legislative record is a testament to his commitment to public service. During his time in the Missouri Senate, he had many legislative accomplishments including the creation of 911 emergency calling, laws requiring DNA profiling of convicted felons, anti methamphetamine legislation that would become a national model, legislation to fund and protect the Truman Sports Complex, the establishment of the Parents as First Teachers Program, which would become a national model, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Harry Wiggins will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

RICHARD McCLEES: LABOR
LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, today I recognize Richard McClees as the 2004 Labor Leader of the Year. This award will be given by the San Diego Labor Community at the Twenty-Second Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet on September 11, 2004.

Rich, as he is known, is currently Chief International Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. He comes from a strong union background. His father, Charles McClees, now retired, was a 54-year member of Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206, and two of Rich's brothers, Mike and Chuck, are current members. His older brother, Dwight, recently retired as a San Diego City teacher/school principal with 34 years of membership in the teachers' union. His sister, Margaret, is employed by the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council.

Rich began working on his father's tuna boat at the age of 12. Until he was 18, he spent each summer on the Pacific Ocean, from Mexico to Washington state, fishing for albacore tuna. Upon his graduation from high school in 1968, Rich joined Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206 and began working at California Neon Products. In 1970, he entered the apprenticeship program at Standard Sheet Metal Works. His work during this period included the sheet metal restoration of the historic 1880s Villa Montezuma at 15th and K Streets in San Diego.

Rich completed his apprenticeship in 1974, receiving the Apprentice of the Year Award from Mesa College, winning the Regional 10 Apprentice Contest for Sheet Metal Apprentices, and competing in the National Apprenticeship Contest in Minneapolis. In 1976, he began his eighteen years at the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, working for University Mechanical Engineering Contractors.

As early as 1979, Rich began teaching apprenticeship classes for Local 206. He also coached his daughter's and son's soccer teams and was an active participant in many other of their extracurricular activities. He was elected Business Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206 in 1994. In 1996, he

became the Apprenticeship Coordinator for Local 206, in addition to his duties as Business Representative. He was also a member of the San Diego and California Apprenticeship Coordinators Association.

In 2000, Rich was elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer of Local 206, while continuing his duties as Local 206 Apprenticeship Coordinator. He also served on the Executive Board of the Western States Council of Sheet Metal Workers, as a Trustee of the Sheet Metal Workers of Southern California, Arizona and Nevada Pension and Health Funds, as Vice-President of the National City Parks Apartments, as President of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, and as an Executive Board Member of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council.

He is currently attending the George Meany National Labor College and will soon receive his Bachelor of Arts Degree. On April 1, 2004, Rich was appointed by Michael J. Sullivan, General President of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, as Chief International Representative/Director of Jurisdiction for the Washington, D.C. office, and he resides in Arlington, Virginia. His daughter and son and their families live in San Diego.

The banquet at which Rich will be presented with his award is named in recognition of the late John Lyons of the Teamsters who was very active in the San Diego community. He was a founder of the San Diego Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. The friends of Mr. Lyons continue to support his cause, and proceeds from the yearly banquets are used to support bone marrow testing and local research grants. Since its inception, the John Lyons Memorial Banquet has raised over one million dollars.

Through his dedication and willingness to serve, Rich has done much to advance the cause of the labor movement, and my congratulations go to Rich McClees for his significant contributions. He is highly deserving of the 2004 Labor Leader of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OLYMPIAN MORGAN HAMM

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Morgan Hamm, member of the silver medal winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team, for his contribution and leadership to this team's historic performance.

Along with his twin brother Paul, Morgan made the Olympic team for the Sydney games as its youngest member at the age of 17. After the Sydney Games, Morgan smashed a nerve casing in his left shoulder and struggled with this injury for two years. However, while only partially recovered, Morgan overcame adversity and showed his determination by winning the floor exercise title in the 2002 U.S. National competition. At the 2003 U.S. Nationals, he won another floor title, and later that year, helped the U.S. to a silver medal in the team competition at the World Championships.

As a two-time Olympian, Morgan has provided a strong leadership role to his team and helped the United States secure its first men's gymnastics medal in twenty years.